

## REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following comments. New claims 20-23 have been added to round out the potential scope of protection. No new matter has been added, as these claims are fully supported in the specification and figures as originally filed.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-19 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Chen, DE 44 45 204 A1 (hereinafter Chen). Applicant has obtained an English-language Abstract of this reference from [esp@net.com](mailto:esp@net.com), and provides the Examiner with a courtesy copy herewith.

The claimed invention is directed to an apparatus for mounting a handlebar to a vehicle. Each of the independent claims require two mounts that each have a first portion that is adapted to connect to a handlebar and a second portion that is adapted to connect to a vehicle. The first portion of each mount is configured to permit rotation of the handlebar around a first axis with respect to the vehicle while the second portion of each mount is configured to permit rotation of the mounts around a second axis with respect to the vehicle.

In order to anticipate, the cited reference must disclose each and every claim element. Chen fails to do so. Instead, Chen describes a pair of connectors<sup>(10)</sup><sub>(2)</sub> that connect two separate handlebar side portions (40) to a central handlebar portion (10), as outlined in the aforementioned English language Abstract. Chen merely describes a connector that connects individual sections to form a handlebar. The connectors disclosed by Chen do not mount to the vehicle, and thus cannot be considered as mounting a handlebar to the vehicle.

Chen does not describe a pair of mounts that each have a first portion that is adapted to connect to a handlebar and a second portion that is adapted to connect to a vehicle.

For at least this reason, Chen fails to anticipate the claimed invention and thus the rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the comments presented herein, favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If a teleconference is deemed beneficial, the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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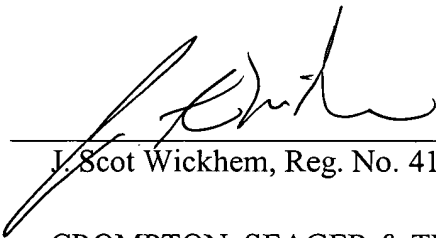
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**Bicycle handle bar with ends of central bar portion**

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**Abstract**

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The bicycle handle bar has two connectors (20) connecting two side portions (40) to a central portion (10) of the handle bar. Each connector has two adjacent bores (2, 22) joined by a slit (23). The ends of the side and central handle bar portions fit in the bores. Bolts, compress the connector at its slit portion to clamp the handle bar ends in the connectors.

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